

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation NEWS

New Partnership Lets Library Patrons Check Out a Visit to a Virginia State Park

Check out a Virginia State Park by checking out at your local library.

A partnership between the [Library of Virginia](#), [Virginia State Parks](#) and the [Science Museum of Virginia](#) will provide 135 libraries with four nature backpacks each. Available to check out, the backpacks will help families learn about nature in their backyard, in a local park, or at one of Virginia's 36 state parks.

"Today children spend less time outdoors and even less immersed in nature-based activities," said [Virginia State Parks Director Craig Seaver](#). "These backpacks will provide opportunities for families to venture out to a park."

Each backpack comes with a parking pass that allows the library customer to visit any Virginia State Park at no cost. Backpacks also feature: pocket guides to bugs and slugs, animal tracks, Virginia birds, mammals, and Virginia trees and wildflowers; a port-a-bug field observation container; a *Big Foot Leave No Trace Ethics Card*; a magnifying lens; a dip net; and laminated sheets with suggested activities designed by both Virginia State Parks and the Science Museum of Virginia.

"How I wish there had been a resource such as this when my daughter was young," [Librarian of Virginia Sandra Treadway](#) said. "The Library of Virginia is delighted to help make these backpacks available to Virginia families through community-based public libraries across the Commonwealth."

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Virginia Beach Public Library

Katie Cerqua Receives Prestigious "Mover and Shaker" Award

Katie Cerqua, Virginia Beach Public Library (VBPL) youth and family services manager, has been named a "Mover and Shaker" in the library industry by the national publication *Library Journal*.

In its March 15 issue, *Library Journal* named 54 outstanding professionals committed to providing excellent service and shaping the future of libraries. **Katie Cerqua was selected as a Mover & Shaker in the Change Agent category based on her leadership in combatting "summer slide," the learning loss that children can experience during summer break, and spearheading a partnership with Virginia Beach City Public Schools' Title I sites.**

"This year's class of 54 joins a group of talented professionals who are committed, passionate and invigorated — each alone and all together transforming the library world and the communities it impacts for the better," said Rebecca T. Miller, editorial director of *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*.

The 2016 Movers & Shakers were selected by the editors of *Library Journal*, the profession's leading trade magazine. In addition to being featured in the March 15 issue, the honorees will be celebrated at a special reception in June during the American Library Association's annual conference in Orlando, Fla.

Information about the 2016 Movers & Shakers may be found at:

<http://www.libraryjournal.com/movers2016>,

including an interview with Katie Cerqua.

Katie Cerqua began her career at Virginia Beach Public Library as a youth librarian in 2007. During her tenure at VBPL, she has been instrumental in implementing and coordinating system-wide library services that have yielded results in meeting educational needs of Virginia Beach's youngest residents. She helped create the vision and framework

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The Library of Virginia

Mission

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Vision

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

Finance

The Library's primary funding source is General Fund appropriations. The majority of the Library's General Fund expenses represent transfer payments to local government for state aid to public libraries. Additionally, the Library earns special nongeneral fund revenue from storage fees charged to agencies and courts for document and records storage and from local circuit court records' preservation fees.

The Library also receives federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996. This grant promotes access to leaning and information resources of libraries.

Goals

2014-2016

Collections:

Strengthen and Preserve the Library's collections and expand accessibility for the benefit of users.

Service:

Deliver courteous, accurate, and efficient information services to our customers.

Organizational Excellence:

Position the Library to effectively embrace new challenges and increasing responsibilities.

Educational Readiness and Achievement:

Engage and educate parents, teachers, and learners through programming designed to enhance early literacy readiness and to provide access to quality education resources for prekindergarten and K12 children.

This goal is critical in fulfilling the Library's mission to provide Virginians with access to the most comprehensive information resources and to elevate levels of educational preparedness and attainment of Virginia's citizens.

Associated State Goal

Education: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

Education Attainment Objectives

- ◆ Increase the number of children who participate in the Winter Reading Program.
- ◆ Increase the number of children and teens who are served by public libraries through out-of-school programs and summer reading programs.
- ◆ Support the parent as a child's first teacher by implementing Early Literacy Activity Centers in public libraries and providing training on their use.

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

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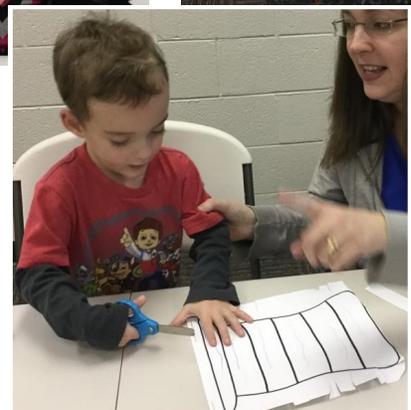
Danville Public Library

Seusstastic Mystery Party

These are some pictures from our Seusstastic Mystery party Wednesday afternoon.

We combined Dr. Seuss's birthday with the Winter Reading finale to create a fun party for kids, where they made crafts, ate strange snacks, and solved a library mystery. Thanks for everything for the Winter Reading Program. We had a great response this year; the patrons truly seemed to enjoy it!

Submitted by Jenn Hartley, Danville Public Library



**“When I was your age,
television was called books.”**
~ Grandpa in The Princess Bride ~

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for children’s services at VBPL, including the provision of curriculum-based story times for children ages 6 months to 5 years.

Thanks in large part to Cerqua’s efforts, VBPL now offers nearly 2,000 curriculum-based story times annually. She was promoted to become VBPL’s first teen librarian in 2009, implementing a coordinated, system-wide approach to teen programming.

In 2013, Cerqua was promoted again to her current position as youth and family services manager. In this role, Katie oversees a staff of 15, including the bookmobile and its early literacy outreach team. **She is responsible for coordinating all VBPL programs and services for children from birth to 18 years and their families.** She also oversees system-wide training for staff who deliver youth and family programming.

In 2015, Cerqua was named Outstanding Staff Member by the Virginia Public Library Directors Association. She has presented at a variety of local, regional and national conferences on the role of libraries in early literacy and in combatting “summer slide.”

Submitted by Katie C. Handerhan, Community Relations Assistant 

Portsmouth Public Library

Circus Reading Program

Kids 2-12 read 5 books and get a voucher for a circus ticket. They also get to put a "ticket to read" on the bulletin board.

Submitted by Rachel Enrich 



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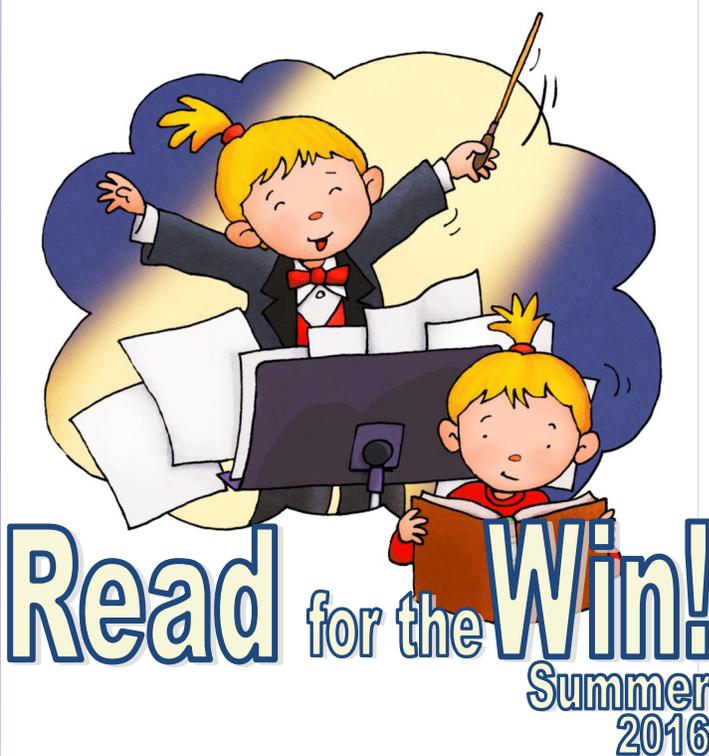
The **Science Museum of Virginia** developed a short survey that patrons will complete to help evaluate the program. The museum also coordinated assembling the backpacks with the help of 20 volunteers from CarMax.

The program was made possible in part by a Institute of Museum and Library Services grant to the Library of Virginia. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Its mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Its grants, policy development and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive.

More information on the Institute of Museum and Library Services can be found at <https://www.ims.gov/>.

Virginia State Parks are managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. For more information about Virginia State Parks activities and amenities or to make a reservation for one of the more than 1,800 campsites or 300 climate-controlled cabins, call the Virginia State Parks Customer Care Center at 800-933-7275 or visit

<http://www.virginiastateparks.gov.> 



Radford Public Library

iPad Use and Seuss Day Program

The first photo is of a 5 year old using the iPad (one of the shape apps) during one of my makerspace programs.

I have these every Tuesday after school. On this day we read a story, built 3d shapes, then made different things using shapes (fish out of triangles, etc.). The iPad was passed around while everyone was working and they took turns playing a shape game (I pulled them all onto the home screen for this day to make it simpler). We also used it for Seuss Day on Wednesday; the free trial Seuss book apps were great!

Submitted by Barbara Tait



American Library Association Catch the Programming Bug with Rob Reid's Lively, Humorous eCourse!

ALA Publishing announces a new iteration of its popular eCourse, "Storytime Shenanigans: Building Great Programs for Preschoolers."

Rob Reid will serve as the instructor for a three-week facilitated eCourse starting on April 18, 2016.

Readers of Rob Reid's bestselling books know his knack for freshening up storytimes through imaginative programming themes and content. Whether you're getting started in programming or are a veteran in need of a battery-charger, you'll catch the programming bug with Reid's lively, humorous eCourse. With his guidance, you'll learn how to move past bunny rabbits and teddy bears to create unique themes, while spotting audience participation elements that are often overlooked in picture books. He'll show you how to add fingerplays, nursery rhymes, songs, movement activities, and crafts to make for even more engaging storytimes. Through a podcast and several videos, he'll tell and show his presentation techniques, while assignments and discussion forums will encourage idea and resource sharing among your fellow attendees.

By the end of the eCourse, you will be able to:

- **Create unusual, humorous, and highly participative story program themes**
- **Build programs around high quality picture books;**
- **Incorporate activities such as fingerplays, nursery rhymes, songs, movement activities, and crafts into storytimes**

Rob Reid is a full-time instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where he teaches Children's Literature, Literature for Adolescents, Trends and Issues in Literature K-1, and other courses in library science. A children's librarian for 14 years, he has also taught for the Indianhead Federated Library System. He is the author of numerous books on children's programming for ALA Editions, has a regular column in *Book Links* magazine titled "Reid Aloud Alert," and also writes for *Library Sparks* magazine.

Registration for this facilitated eCourse, which begins on April 18, 2016, can be purchased at the ALA Store:

<http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=10850>

Participants in this course will need regular access to a computer with an internet connection for online message board participation, viewing online video, listening to streaming audio (MP3 files), and downloading and viewing PDF and PowerPoint files.

Press Release, February 29, 2016 

MORE ALA News

ALSC Donates \$5,000 to REFORMA Children in Crisis Project

Since 2014, REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, has mobilized its Children in Crisis Project in response to the thousands of refugee children arriving often unaccompanied along the southern border of the United States.

The **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)** is in strong support of REFORMA's efforts to provide comfort to the children through accessible books. **The ALSC Board has approved a \$5,000 donation to support REFORMA's Children in Crisis Project and is exploring other ways of activating its membership to raise awareness.**

"Using the power of libraries to create a better future for children is precisely the purpose of our Association," said ALSC President Andrew Medlar, "so I am pleased that ALSC can support the vital work of REFORMA's Children in Crisis Project through this donation."

In addition to collecting donations to provide books to detention centers, REFORMA has compiled resources including booklists and recommended storytimes to assist librarians in providing welcoming spaces for refugee children and families. Several REFORMA Chapters have also coordinated outreach in their communities. For more information, visit the Children in Crisis website:

<http://refugeechildren.wix.com/refugee-children>

Press Release, March 15, 2016 

"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."

~ Maya Angelou ~



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

March 16-20, 2016	Virginia Festival of the Book 2016.....	Charlottesville
May 2, 2016	VLA Professional Associates Annual Conference	Williamsburg
October 26-28, 2016	VLA Annual Conference	Hot Springs

National Conferences

April 5-9, 2016	Public Library Association 2016 Conference	Denver
June 23-28, 2016	American Library Association Annual Conference	Orlando
September 15-17, 2016	ALSC National Institute 2016.....	Charlotte
October 27-29, 2016	Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference	Fargo
November 4-6, 2016	YALSA's 2016 YA Services Symposium	Pittsburgh

Workshops

April 19, 2016	Storytime Share-n-Tell	Martinsville
May 3, 2016	Mother Goose on the Loose	Springfield
May 5, 2016	Mother Goose on the Loose	Chesapeake
May 6, 2016	Mother Goose on the Loose	Ashland

Library Observances, Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events

April

D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read Month	http://www.dropeverythingandread.com/
El día de los niños/El día de los libros	http://dia.ala.org
Math Awareness Month	http://www.ams.org/samplings/math-awareness-month/mam
National Humor Month	http://www.humormonth.com/
National Library Week – April 10-16, 2016	http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek
National Poetry Month	https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home
School Library Month	www.ala.org/aasl/slm

April 10-16.....	National Library Week
April 12	National Library Workers Day
April 13	National Bookmobile Day
April 21	Poem in Your Pocket Day
April 23-30.....	Money Smart Week

Thanks for the photos and information!

- ◇ **Jenn Hartley**, Danville Public Library
- ◇ **Rachel Enrich**, Portsmouth Public Library
- ◇ **Barbara Tait**, Radford Public Library
- ◇ **Katie Handerhan**, Virginia Beach Public Library
- ◇ The usual resources - American Library Association, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation